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Miss Abigail Carson Succumbs at 98

Terre Haute Star 11-27-'63

Miss Abigail A. Carson, 98 years old, of 510 South Nineteenth Street, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Miss Carson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carson, who in 1849 went to California in the gold rush. Her parents returned in 1850 and purchased land on R. R. 1, south of the Honey Creek bridge on State Highway 63.

She was a member of the Grove Methodist Church and the Good Cheer Club.

Surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Hermina Stinson of Gary and Mrs. Lucy Montgomery of Seelyville, and one nephew, Louis Carson of Terre Haute.

Services are pending a the Bedino Peace Chapel.

TH Tribune 12-4-63

ABIGAIL CARSON ESTATE IN PROBATE

The Terre Haute First National Bank was nominated as executor Tuesday of the estate of Abigail A. Carson, who died Nov. 26, at the age of 98. Estimated value of the estate was placed at $130,000.

Under terms of a will admitted before Probate Judge Edward Hamilton, heirs include two nieces, Lucy Montgomery of Seelyville and Mary Hermina Stimson of Gary, and a nephew, Lewis McCoy Carson, 1024 North Eighth street. A bequest was made also to the Terre Haute Association for the Blind.

Attorney W. N. Cox is counsel for the estate.

1714 N. 12th St.
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Feb. 22, 1965

West Terra Haute Public Library
West Terra Haute, Indiana

I am trying to compile our family history and was wondering if you might help me?

I am searching for records of the Hall and Carson families, I know they lived West of Terra Haute someplace.

① Joel Hall b- 1812 - Va?
d. Jan. 20, 1886 married Sept. 8, 1836 at Terra Haute.

② Nancy Carson b- May 9, 1816

③ Joel Hall had a brother Rev. James Hall wife Frances?; sister Matilda Hall.

④ Nancy Carson had a brother Jesse Carson; sister Jane who married a Black and an Abby Carson.

Any information received

will be greatly appreciated
Thank You,

Sincerely,
Mrs. John C. Dalbert

1714 N. 12th St.
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Terra Haute, Indiana
Terra Haute Public Library.

I'am searching for records of the family of Nancy Carson.

Nancy Carson b. May 9, 1816 at Steuben Co., N.Y.

The Carson family moved to Pa. when Nancy was eight years old. After several years they moved across country to Terra Haute, Indiana where Nancy married Joel Hall (Hand), who was supposed to have been a "blood" cousin.

Nancy Carson had a sister Jane who married Joseph Block and lived at Terra Haute. They had a daughter called Mary Jane.

Nancy also had a brother named Jesse Carson.

Any information received will be greatly appreciated.

Also I am wondering if you might be able to tell me where I can subscribe to the Indiana State Genealogical Magazine.

Pam File

"Copied from family Bible
owned by Clarence Black, So. 4th St.
West T. H. He claims Bible is 140 yrs old.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John C. Dalbert

Vigo Co marriage licenses

Nancy Carson - Joel Hawk
Sept 8 - 1836
(preacher McClure)

Jane D Carson - Josiah O. Black
March 26 - 1844
(preacher - J.C. Campbell)

Pam File (Black Family) records this marriage & says Josiah O. died Oct. 30-1876 and Jane G. d Ap 23-1911

Cemetary records

Jesse C. Carson - b. Sept 13-1824
d. mar 8-1901

wife - Hermina b. Feb. 16, 1840
d Nov 10 1887

Josiah Black - d. June 10, 1862
age 42 yr. 11 da.

wife Sarah J. - d April 14-1855
age 34 years 3 mo. 1 da.

Bradsby - P697-8
J.C. Carson - gentleman farmer + stock-growers
Honey Creek twp - b. Armstrong Co. Penn. S 13. 1824
wife Hermina Vanvalzen. Children: Daniel, Abagail, William. (my 8-1860) marriage date.

Carson Family

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nancy Bereit
8453 Forestview Ave.
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October 26, 1978

I checked our county histories and early cemetery records but did not find James or Fred Carson listed. If they lived until the 1940's our records are probably too early to pick them up. You could get death certificates for them from the Vigo County Health Department, Vital Statistics, 120 S. 7th, Terre Haute, IN 47807. They charge $2.00 for each certificate.

If you know the approximate date of marriage, marriage licenses are available at the county clerk's office, Courthouse, Terre Haute, 47807. The charge for a certified copy of a marriage license is 85¢. They do not photocopy these records.

If you can find the exact death dates for any of the Carsons, we have the old newspapers on microfilm and can provide copies of obituaries at a cost of 10¢ per page.

Since Fred and James were born in the 1870's, they should be listed in the 1880 census. The Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204, has the 1880 and 1900 censuses and the indexes for all of Indiana and might be able to provide copies from these censuses. None of the later censuses is released to the public, but someone at the Census Bureau will search them if a request is made on a properly authorized form.

Nancy Sherrill

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Genealogy Librarian

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Henry + Ardelia
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Eda = Fred James Harry = Nellie Johnson
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Nancy Sherrill:

I thank you very much for the information you sent me.

I've come into contact with more information on the Henry Carson family: Henry married an Ardelia - Henry was supposedly in the Civil War - Henry might have belonged to the Methodist Church - Henry + Ardelia had two children 1) Fred (born about 1875) 2) James Harry (born about 1876) - ~~Fred~~ + ~~James~~ This family lived at 1647 Spruce St - Fred married Eda - they had three kids - James ~~he~~ married Nellie Francis Johnson - they had two girls - Fred was a member of the Masons - James became a member of the Brethern Church after married - Fred died and is buried in Terre Haute - same with Ardelia she died about June 1942 - James died in Dec. 1942, in Terre Haute - I would truly appreciate it if you would check for any Carsons that resemble what I described above. The pgs you sent me with Rufus Carson on it, is definenty no relative.

I appreciate you help with this. If you need any money to look these things up please inform me. Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thanks,
Nancy L Bereit

not in Bradley / Beckwith, Casey, Clancy
not in cath file
not in cem records

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November 27, 1963

Mrs. John C. Talbott
1714 N. 12th St.
Pekin, Ill. 61554

Dear Mrs. Talbott:

I have copied some of the references which we found about your Carson family, a nd included a copy of a newspaper clipping which appeared in today's paper. Following is the information which we found:

Nancy Carson married Joel Hawl September 8, 1836, (preacher Mc Clure)--from Vigo County Marriage Licences 1818 - 1850.

Jane G. Carson married Josiah D. Black, March 26, 1844, (preacher - S. C. Campbell) (From a folder of material copied from a family Bible owned by Clarence Black, So. 4th St., West Terre Haute. He says the Bible is 140 years old. There are about four pages of records copied from this Bible. If you want copies made, we could do this for 25¢ per page - photostatic copies. According to these Bible records, Josiah O. Black died October 30, 1876, and Jane G.(Carson) Black died April 23, 1911.

Jesse C. Carson was born Sept 13, 1824, and died Mar. 8, 1901 his wife, Hermina, was born Feb. 16, 1840, and d. Nov. 10, 1887. (From Cemetery Records of Vigo County.

According to Bradsby's History of Vigo County, page 697-8 "J. C. Carson was a gentleman farmer and stockgrower of Honey Creek township. He was born in Armstrong County, Pa., Sept 13, 1824, and married Hermina Vanulzen, May 8, 1860. Their children were Daniel, Abagail, and William."

I hope that the above information will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Ross

Elizabeth C. Ross
Reference Librarian.

Carson Family

On the 21st Of March 1850 J.C.Carson , Hamo Wintermute & Monroe Henderson started from Stevens Tan yard for Califo ni. taking a wagon and four horses, going through Springfield, where they saw for the first time a Railroad they crossed th Illinois River at Maridocia thence to Quincy where they crossed the Mississippi river, thence onward to St.Joseph where they crossed the Missouri. they had their horses shod at St. Jo. for $1.00 per shoe. Salt was 10cts per lb. & Hardtack $1.00 per lb. Staying at St.Jo three weeks waiting for the grass to start up. 8 ferry boats & a steam boat carrying over the Gold seekers. Then onward to Ft.Larimie where they arrived on the 23rd of May where they registered 26.000 wagons had passed by the Fort previous to their arrival.

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April 18th, 1850

St Joseph Missouri Buchanan County

We started on thursday 21st day of March at 12 staid at Livingston that night and had our wagon tire nailed, the next morning we went to Marshall and fell in company with another wagon of 5 horses and 3 men there names are Lyman Gere, Perry Marvin , Martin Pendby from Marshall we went through Westfield & Charleston in Cole County passed through the counties of Moultrie Macon Christian Sangamon by the way of Springfield from Springfield to Jacksonville in Morgan County crossed the Illinois river at Meredosia for 75 cents a team from there we drove north west to Mt. Sterling in Brown County thence through Marquette to Quincy in Adams County here we staid 2 days and bought oats and some more provisions and sent them and all of our heavy loading on a steam boat to St Jo with Monroe Henderson

On the 3rd of April we crossed the Mississippi River ona steam ferry boat we were 30 minutes a crossing over. we paid 1.25 cents per team it was a rainy day the banks were slippery and the nois of the steam frightened our horses so much that we had a hard job to hold them from jumping off, there were six wagons 25 horses & 5 yoke of cattle crossed when we did

From Quincy we traveled Missouri south west to Palmyra in Marion County we traveled then about a west course through Shelby County Shelbyville Macon County Bloomington Linn County Lineus Livingston County Chillicothe here we turned south crossed Grand River below its east & west fork to save 2 ferryings passed Utica here we traveled south of west and passed through Caldwell County Clinton County Buchanan County to St Joseph where we arrived on Monday Fifteenth of April at 4 o' clock afternoon where we encamped on a side hill 1 1/2 miles from St Jo in sight of the Missouri River

After we passed through Clark and Cole County we had good roads all

the way across Illinois the first five days in April it rained evry day which made the roads in Missouri verry bad and if we had not of sent our load by steam to St Jo we should of had to waited for the roads to dry. Through Marion Macon Shelby & Linn worse than the road is from James Elams to the tanyard through Marion County the mud was generally knee deep to the horses roe and sticky mixed with small rocks just such a road as the road is up at the ferry in a wet time

I expect you would like to know what sort of a country this is I can tell what I think of it where I passed through it if there was more timber it would do verry well the land is rich but there is scarcely any timber only along creeks and branches the country is thinly settled Corn and oats was verry scarce and is still we paid 40 and 50 cents for corn and oats along the road through this state

Corn here at St Joseph sells from 50 cents to 1.00 we have bought for 50 all we want while we stay her unless we stay here longer than we expect at this time

We have had a verry cold time to travel, we have worn our overcoats and mittens evry day since we started

Vegetation is no farther advanced her than at home when we started this morning ice was floating in the river the people here say that it is coming out of Platte river It is now cloudy and cold there is emigrants here that has been here 4 and 5 week this country is filled with Californians from all parts of the country

Many has took what grain they could draw and left for the plains I think they are too soon by 3 weeks 6 wagons turned there course for home

I cant see how so many people as there is on there way this year will get along over the plains with there horses and oxen and live on grass when it is hard to keep them up with oats and corn

Willis Cooper and the old man is well we are all well at

this time except bad colds I cant tell when we shall leave here we have bought a tent we found we could not do without one tell Howard that I expect him to write me when I get to California I cant tell whether I will have a chance to write to you after I leave or not If I have I will write to you from Fort Larime

I have nothing more to say at present

J.C.Carson

Thursday evening Cold and cloudy

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Sunday

State of Missouri , Buchanan County, April 21st, 1850.

Since I wrote to you three days ago we have moved our camp one milo above town where we are all together in our tents which we have just finished. It is now raining and they come very acceptable we are all well as yet. Coopers horses have had the distemper, one of them took the cholic and they doctored it till they thought it would die and left it, the old man swaped his little mare off, Charles Westherwax swaped his long legged black horse off. Our horses look well. The Cassaday horse and dollass have fattened and if they dont take the distemper, I think we have nothing to fear. The St. Joseph newspaper states that there will be 200,000 people cross the plains this year. All a tale I think, I have not seen as many as I expected to see, although they have not started out of Missouri yet.

Since I have started I have learned something about our outfit for this journey. A person needs just two suits of clothes all round, a tent, a small sheet iron stove, no trunks, no boxes, no petitions in the wagon bed- put everything you have in sacks- couple the wagon as short as you can conveniently it will track better-make a very shallow light wagon bed with two lock chains, your cover low and fastened to the bows and bed tight, if you should ever come, fix this way and you will not have to fix again like we have had to do. Since we came here the king bolt of our wagon has broken four times on our road here. We have two good ones on hand now.

St. Joseph is half as large as Terre Haute it has been built up within the last six years, there are people here from most every land. There is an Indian camp within a few hundred yards of us. Wood sells for two and a half per cord , boarding is four and five dollars per week, horses are worth from fifth to one hundred dollars each.,

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oxen about the same price per yoke. The river is rising fast, it is o over a quarter of a mile wide here, the water flows like it was on a race and very muddy. We are going to move up to the ferry tomorrow and cross over it. We can the same day as soon as we get over we intend to start on our long journey again. We intend to take 27 bushels of oats with us besides four or five bushels of corn. Crossing is a very slow business, the water is so rapid that is very hard work. There are two ferries at town but we prefer the one five miles above, as there are bery bad roads on the other side of the river at town, there being 7 miles of bottom land to go over, at the upper ferry, there are bluffs and no bottom land after we cross.

I intend to write a letter to you after we cross the river, if I can get a chance to send it back. I will write to you from Ft. Lavime and I expect we will get there in June I want you and Howard to write a letter each of you to Fort Lavime in the Indian territory in time for it to get there against the last of May with out fail. I feel very anxious to hear from you. Tell me about Joel and Nancy, Jo Buck and Jane, John Randolph his wife, and children, Henry and Isaac Reagan , JohnnDurell and I should like to hear from James Elam whether he continues to wage a war with you or not if he does, fight him at all hazards. I should like to hear how you are getting a long with the saw mill. Tell all those that I was acquainted with if they ask about me that I am well and that I wish them health and a contented mind . Hampton is by my side a writing to letter to his mamma.

J.C.CARSON

Sunday at 12 cloudy and rainy

State of Illinois Clark County probate turm. We therefore the Representives of the United States of Americn in Congress assembled appealing to the Supreme judge of the world for the rectitude of our

intentions do in the name and by the authority of the good people of these colonies publish and declare that these United Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent States that they are absolved from all allegiance from the British crown and that all political connection between them and the States of Great Britian is and ofought to be totally dissolved and that as free States.

Yards of several Sioux Indians but there was no damage done by this accident. These were the first Indians I had seen, since we left the missionary station a distance of about 450 miles . The next day we drove 5 miles and camped, and stayed all day to rest our horses. We found the road more unlevel and sandy than before. Twenty-second of May we got to Ft. Laramie 655 miles west of St. Jo. We had a very good road for except some little sand and were in good spirits. Here we got the tire of our wagon reset for $2.00 per wheel. This fort stands on the west bank of Laramie river about one mile and a half off of the platte. There is a store and several dwelling houses here.

Here the sage wood commences, it grows in bunches from 2 to 6 feet high. This is the kind of wood we had to burn from this place to the Sierra Nevada. On the 23rd we commenced our travels again, up the north fork of Platte, 150 miles where we crossed it for $5.50. The river had become narrow, deep and rapid. I thought I had se-n rapid currents before, but this beat anything I ever saw. From this place to Willow Springs 26 miles without water except alkali water, this we dare not use. From here to Sweet Water 23 miles in going this distance we passed a Saleratus bed I went to it, it lookdd like a pond of water frozen to ice, I carried a piece about 3 inches thick to the wagon. It was the strongest that I ever tasted. We got to S Sweet Water at sunset the 31st day of May and camped near Independence Rock. Here we saw the names of some of the Clark county emigrants of last year. They were dated 4th of July 1849. The road led up this river some 100 miles. This is called the south pass. On either side of the river were tremendyous mountains of solid rocks , some of them were covered with snow. The weather was very cold it snowed on us almost all day June 2nd. On the 7th of June we passed the summit

of the rocky mountains. I could harldy believe that we were climbing a mountain until the snow began occasionly to lay along the road side. The road was apparently so level after we passed the summit the road continued level until we came near green river. This river is about 75 yards wide, it was bank full, and had a very rpaid current.

We ferried in a wagon bed for $3.00. Here there was a Frenchman who told us it was but 750 miles to the mines in California, but it proved to be a wide mistake. We are now traveling

Clark County Carsons Camp near Auburn

State of California, Sutter County. Feb.23, 1851

Dear Sir, Since I wrote to you last I have found time again to inform you that I am still in possession of good health and that the health of this country as far as I know is generally good.

In your letter of Nov.10 you appeared to be verry anxious to know and have me describe the roas and country towards Califorhia
I expect by this time that you have seen the old man Cooper and he can tell you more about the road and country than I can think to write for indeed a road so long and tiresome I have tried to forget and I hope never to travel it again although I think I could fix to travel it much easier than I did

. , I will now try to tell you something about what I have been doing and the way of California. As I told you I got to Weavertown 21 of July I then had not a cent of money and could get nothing to eat that night having paid out the last money I had 60 miles back in the mountains the next morning while looking around at the strange sight of gold digging I found a man that had borrowed 10 dollars of me 500 miles back on the road this money he paid to me in gold dust this was the first gold dust that I had seen yet. With this money I bought some provision I then went to Cold Springs where I met with a chance to hire for 6.00 a day and board myself worked 3 or 4 when the man said that dirt would not pay to wash any longer so he payed me off and I went to Duch bar 4 miles below Coloma on the South fork of the American river where I commenced work with two other young men from Clark County in about 3 weeks we had worked out our claim and divided our money we had 16 ounces apeace- 256 dollars and here haveing a notion like every other person especially new miners we thought we could do well any place we left came to Auburn where I am now and I am sorrow for the move we

made as I have made nothing scarcely since over my board. I got in a company of five and we built a house and made preparations for the rainy season but it did not rain so as to make water to wash in the dry ravines as we expected so we were disappointed this is the luck that has happened to all the miners this winter so far. there has been a general break up with the merchant in the mines here this winter, they have been so much disappointed they were compelled to sell for less than it cost-------- the city.

potatoes and flour sell for ten cents onions 25 pork 14 sugar 20 coffee 30 tea 1.50 beans 16, Boots from 4 to 12 shoes 1.50 shovels 5.00 pick 2.50 Cradles and longtoms are very dull sale at any price this is the name of the machines that is used to wash the dirt in or to get the gold out

You appeared to think that there would be no room for the people by my saying that there was to many here by one half let me tell you that there is plenty of room and they are leaveing here by 2, 10 and 50 and going to there homes

The peple have left this part of the mines in so much that there is not one man where 2 months ago was 50 Some have gone to their homes some to the mountains and some to their graves One of the men that helped me to build the house has gone to Clamet river in Oregon there is great stories circulating about gold in Oregon and many have gone there but I think they will find the gold as scarce there as it is here there is a vast quantity of gold here but it lies so scatering that it will take a person a long time to find much of it. It is my opinion that the miners will do as well after a few years when provisions comes to be raised in this country and the great excitement gets down as they can now evrything will have come to its-------

There is many places here that will pay two and three cents to the bucket such places are not now worked as it is considered not worth

while in such a place a man would git if he washed a hundred buckets about two dollars this would not hardly pay his expenses to consider evrything as it is and a hundred buckets is a good days work.

if a man does not git as much as ten of fifteen cents to the bucket he is not making what will pay him acording as evrything else is here and it is a lucky man that finds such a place there will be probably as good a chance in the dry diggings for next winter as there ever was as they have not been worked much this winter although the best have been worked I think there has been no snow in this part of the country this winter the coldest weather that has been is no more than frosty morning it began to frost 13 of October the leaves of the white oak fell about the first of December together with the buckeye the buckeye has again come out in leaf, the grass commenced to grow the first rain that come which took place about the middle of November this is the most pleasant country that I was ever in the wind seldom blows harder than a gentle breeze this is the best thing about the country that I like there is no cold wind to freeze a person ears off

I told you that ther had been no snow here this winter but still I can see snow at any day in the year, there is always snow to be seen on the lofty peaks of the Sirranevada a person can travel in a few days time from where winter never ends to where vegetation will in any season of the year grow and flourish

I am about 16 miles north of Sacramento City now I want you to tell me what degree of latitude I am in as I have no chance to know I want you to be particular to let me know about all the people at home and the prices tell me if there is many emigrants to this country tell me if money is becomeing plenty there or not

I would like to know of you how many has got back home from this country in your knowledge and whether old man Cooper has got home safe

tell the old man that Willis found a lump of gold directly after he left here that weighed $67.40 cts but has not made anything scarcely since Willis is with me he is well but he curses gold digging and the country tell John Randolph that if he wants to move to the west to go either to Morgan County Ills or Macon County Missouri I think Joel and Nancy would do well to move to some part of Missouri as there is a great chance to get land

I want you to tell me something about the gold mines in Indiana as I frequently hear great news about them that they are making 10 dollars a day to the hand if so I will quit this country tell me if the railroad is finished to Terre Haute.

Howard tells me that Sanfords steam mill was burnt take care of yours

I want you to give some person a lease on the land I bought of you if you can or get J.O.Black to do it as I expect he will have a better chance than you

Now this is the second day of March Sunday about 3 o'clock nineteen days more and it will be one year since I seen you you was then in the mill a fileing the saw I am sitting on the ground with my back against a rook and have got a tin pan turned bottom upwards on my knees to write on time appears to pass off rapidly

Josiah Blacks letter was 2 months wrote precisely when I got it yours was two months and 13 days the postage on evy letter costs me $1.60cts

I would like if you would write to me evry month tell all inquiring friends that I wish them health and a contented mind

Jesse C.Carson

California Placer County Camp near Elizabethtown

June 15, 1851 Mr Josiah O.Black: Sir

I received a letter from you the eighth of October last which had been wrote 5 of August this letter agreeable to your request I answered as near as I could this is all the letter that I have got from you on the 23 of Jan. I received a letter from each William and Howard which had been wrote Nov.10 these are all the letters that I have got your request was for a description of the road to California and of the Country my letter if you got it ended at Weavertown wher I seen the first gold dust well do I reckolect that time the 21 of July when I got there tired and starved without a cent of money a stranger to evry person and to evry person a stranger

The next morning I seen Mr Albee a man that I had loaned $10.00 on the head of Humbolt 520 miles back he paid me the money right off and I bought myself some provisions and satisfied my appetite I complain no more of starveing for this is a plentiful country from Weavertown I went to Hanytown and looked at the people mining there, a distance of five miles here bought some mining tools pick ax dipper and pan and soon after bought a cradle and by what information I could get from others and my own experience I soon found that the gold was not as plenty as it had been represented by a boasting class of people here to those that were living at peace at home

The first mining that I done of any note was at Cold Springs I worked there two weeks did not make board went from there to Duchbar four miles below Coloma on the south fork of the American river where for sixteen days I made 16 dollars per day I began to think that there was more gold than I had realy thought there was at first

My claim on the Bar had now been worked and I set at hunting for another and have been hunting ever since and have just about cleared my way

A person has to be very lucky if he makes a fortune in this country yes here in California this will give you an idea of what I am making in this gold region there is and always will be gold in the mines here but it is so hard to get at and requires so much hard labor that it discourages the most thorough going men and then provisions are high, mining tools are high this keeps the people from working where they could make from one dolar to three per day

As such wages will not at the present prices of the different articles more than pay their way there will in my opinion be as much of a chance for the miner the next two or three years to come as has been this year provisions and clothing will then be at a less price as they are beginning to be raised and manufactured in this country the most of the mining tools are made in this country

I have been at this place since the 16 of March between that time and the middle of April ther was a great quantity of rain and snow fell which was about all the wet season we have had here there has been different showers since the last one was on the tenth of June there is an Indian Rancharoi about one mile distant I have been to see them dance twice they have a dance once a week most generally Sunday evening they are very friendly and some of them works for the whites only when they feel like it though they dress themselves and are quite proud since the Americana has got among them

This is quite a different climate from ours the days are warm and the nights are verry cold the two great changes serves to make the country unhealthy there is no dew scarcly falls the wind seldom blows harder than a gentle breeze

If you write to me direct your letters after this manner Jesse C. Carson of Clark County Illinois I will then be sure to get them if they come to Sacremento tell Wm and Howard if you see them to direct theirs the same way

J.C. Carson

California Placer County

Oregon bar middle fork American river Dec. 14, 1851.

It has been three months since I wrote to you. I had been waiting to get a letter from you when last Sunday a letter from you was placed in my hand quite unexpected to me. I opened it and read it over quickly and was fejoiced to know at the time you were in good health but was sorrow to hear of the illness of Howard Iam in hopes that he is quite well now and that all is right with him again. Indeed it would grieve my heart to think that I never more should see his face. I was glad to hear that I O. Black and his family were well, tell him that I have received but one letter from him and have written four or five to him. You say there was much sickness with you this year. There have been a great many people died here of very short illness by the erysiplas and influenza sickness is not common here like it is in Ill. but more fatal . Many a poor fellow finds a lonely grave . You wanted to know when I was to come home this I cannot tell. I am not yet satisfied to quit California although I am unlucky, yet I believe that I can do better here than I could in Illinois. This is great place for money but it is hard to get it .Requires a very strong constitution to stand this kind of work long. Every man complains that California is to hard for them. There are so many large rocks to move, then to work in water keeps the feet always wet is very disagreeable more so in the winter time and it is impossible to get boots here to keep the feet dry The river bars are not like the bars on the Wabash , gravel and sand, but rocks of all sizes weighing from one ounce to a hundred tons and even more powder is used to get them out of the way.

There are a great many people coming from the States at this time and they to are going home very fast quite a number are leaving for Australia the mines there have a great name and there is a great

excitement here about them, Several that I was acquainted with have gone there . For my part, I am done running after gold stories, they are the hardest to find of any thing that I ever tried to hunt after. If you want to come to this country do not listen to any big stories nor to any bad stories, for luck is all in all in this country. I am acquainted with some men that came to the country in August . They now have 5 or 6 thousand dollars a piece, but they have been the lucky men in this country. The natives of most every clime are here. There are a great many Spanish ladies of pleasure here and in fact California is a very curious place and it will be a long time before things are brought to rights and when I think of every thing as it is , I come to the conclusion that the man that never bothers himself with things so far off is the best off in the end. Every thing bears a great price in this country. Milk cows sell from 75 to 150 dollars. Beef cattle sell at one hundred dollars per head. I some times think that I will go home and buy a small lot of cows and drive them to this country . It would be as certain a speculation as a man could in start the middle of May. I would like very much to see you but I cant tell the time when I shall. You said you had long been looking for a letter from me. You never need feel any ways uneasy about me I have never been sick, and I am as well satisfied here as I ever was in Ill.

I feel the cold more severe this winter than I did last it is precisely the same kind of weather. There has been no rain scarcely yet and it is the opinion of the people that there will not be any. There is very little cloudy weather the least I ever saw in any country

Give my best respects to all enquiring friends and tell the younger men for me that there is no fun in crossing the plains, living in tents , sleeping on the ground, cooking their own victuals and washing their own clothes

J.C.Carson(Sunday evening Dec. 14, 1851 the sun shines

18 ORegon bar middle fork of the American river July 18, 1853.

Placer County Cal.

I am again able to inform you that I am in good health and fine spirits and living on the fat of the land with as contented a mind as the pure free air of California will admit of and do sincerely wish that this letter may find you in as good a state of health and mind, as can be enjoyed in Illinois . On the third of July I heard a sermon preached, the first that I have heard in this country. The next day the same man delivered an address suitable for the fourth, while the colors and ensigns of every State in the Union waved on a tree over his head. The chinese tartars are becoming numerous here. I have heard that three thousand were in San Francisco last week and there arenow at least 500 of them within one mile on the river. They are very friendly and kind towards the white people but quarrel and fight among themselves. They are a very small rade of people but well made. They have little or no Beards, the hair on the crown of their heads grow long and they plat it and do it up like our women, all the balance they shave off and their hats and big leg breeches are quite a curiosity. They are the color of Indians and I believe they are Indians. The miners held a meeting thid day for the purpose of driving them off as they declare that they are not fit subjects for citizens and further that they are the servants of British capitalists and others who bring them here and hold them for a certain number of years for 4 or 5 dollars per a month. This is the 19th , the meeting of yesterday was put off unti this evening at 6 o'clock. It is at this time organizing and the result will be that the chinamen must leave , but where will they go to they have already been driven from the Southern mines, I am told entirely and many other places, they are rather a singular people. As they are in large companies together, I believe it is the determinatic of the people to drive them entirely out of the mines. If this State

does not put a stop to them coming here they will soon be more of them than there are of the white people. They will work any ground that will pay them a dollar per day. It cost them very little to live as rice is nearly all they eat and their language it appears like the white people cant learn or else they dont try, at least I have never seen one yet that could speak it. I have been working right among them for nearly one year and I have not learned only a word or two yet.

This is now 26th of July . Yesterday I saw a company of emigrants just arrive from their long journey. Their horses and mules I tell you were the picture of hard times. One of the men as he passed over this bar remarked that the gold had all been dug out here as well as every other place he had yet seen . He said if he had known this he could have saved $100 dollars by staying at home.

I know nothing of any of the company that I crossed the plains with.

J.C.Carson

Carson Family

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May 25, 1983

The 1949 Terre Haute city directory lists Inez Holmes as "Secretary of Ladies Auxiliary of Sons of Veterans." Her address was 1456 Eagle Street. The 1958 directory was the last one in which her name appeared. She was listed as the widow of Wm. T. Holmes, 930 N. 6th Street.

The copies I sent you in my last letter did not quite amount to $5.00, so I am sending some copies of the Carson, Hale and Harris marriages from the W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920. I hope you can read them; our original is not very good.

I soon found Andrew Carson in the 1880 Soundex and am enclosing a copy of the census listing. Andrew's mother-in-law, Sarah Ward, was living in the household also.

Nancy Sherrill

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(1) Would you be able to locate the Andrew Carson family in the 1880 census without the address? They would have had children under 10 years so you would be able to use the Soundex index you mentioned in the last response I believe. If you can locate them, who is listed at their residence. I'm especially looking to see if Katie Etta and Henry Carson are listed.

(2) On page 228 of the 1949 TH city directory copy you sent me, a 'Inez Holmes' was listed. I'm unable to read what it says between her name and address. Would you be able to check what it says? Secretary Ladies Auxiliary Sons of Veterans r.1456 Eagle

Regarding marriage records, are any of the following people listed:
(3) WPA-0 Johns-0 WPA-0 Johns-0 WPA p26 vol 2 v.4 p4 several James
Andrew Carson, Henry Carson, Noah Frederick Carson, Inez Hale, James R.W. Hale,
v.4 p50
John R. Harris. Make Copies

(4) What is the latest date Inez Hale Holmes listed in the TH city directory? Last directory I have is 1955 and she is still listed. I don't think she lived past 1960. Sometimes she is listed 'M Inez Holmes'. 1960 - 0
1959 - 0

Thank you very much for your help. 1958 Holmes, Inez (wid. Wm. J.)
r. 930 N. 6th St.
1956 - same as above

Sincerely,
Nancy L. Bereit

Nancy L. Bereit

WPA Mar Rec v 2 p 26
Carson, Noah T + Eda C. Heiser July 27, 1904 BK 17 p 480
v 4 p 9
Hale, Mary J. + William T. Holmes (Sept 21, 1883) m Jan 29, 1919
BK 49 p 436
v 4 p 50
Harris, John R + Etta E. Cuppy Feb 1, 1887 BK 10 p 366 (or 386)

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October 16, 1992

Historical Room
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Dear Historical Room Librarians,

We were in your library recently doing some research on both the Carson and Stimson families, and so appreciated all the assistance we were given. There were several different librarians who helped us, and each was equally as helpful.

There is a Carson file you have in a manilla folder which you showed to us. After we got home, we copied some letters that were written by Wm. H. Carson when he went to CA. The ones you have in the manilla folder now seem to have been typed from some originals. We do not know where those originals are, but we know that Abigail Carson donated the letters to the library. The letter we have are written by the same man. We also copied the envelops, as some of them are interesting, particularly the one from hotel in San Francisco. (I copied both front and back of this envelop.) At some time or other, someone may be interested in the additional letters we have, so would appreciate it if you would add them to the file you have.

Again, thank you for all your assistance, and we hope to get back to the library again before too long to continue our work.

Yours truly,

Mary L. Stimson

Mary L. Stimson

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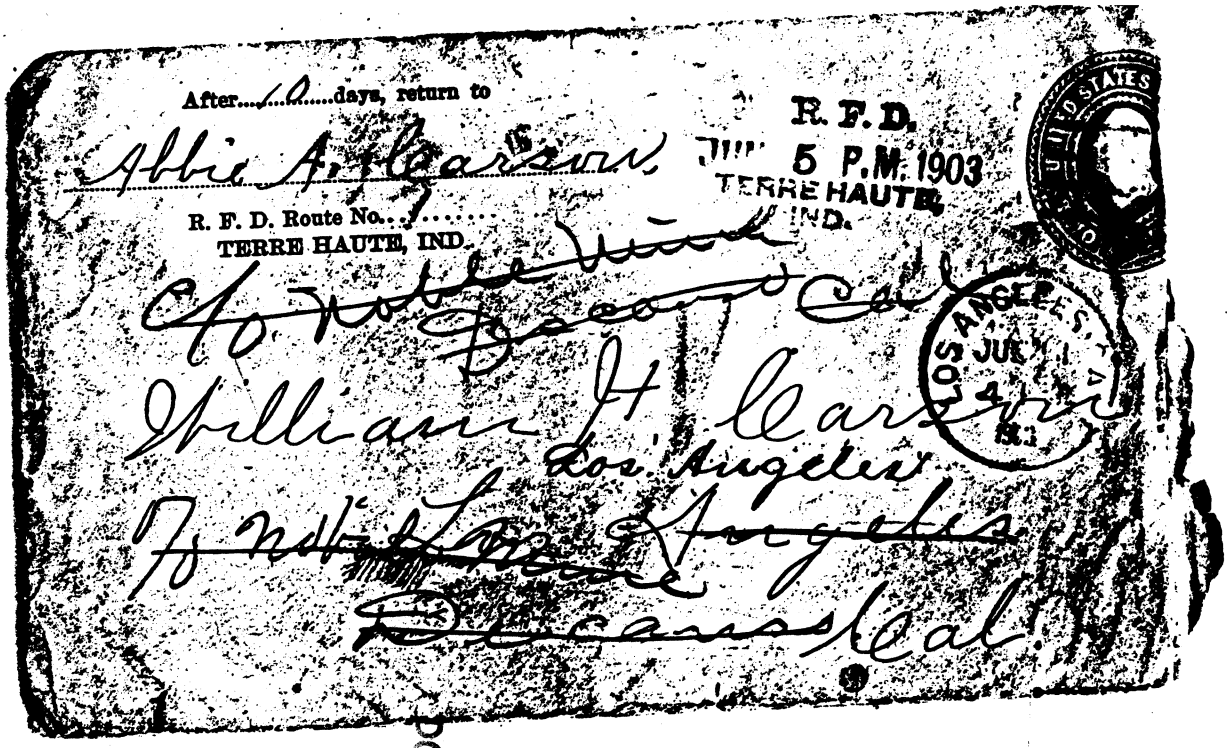
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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

R. F. D.

JUN 5 P.M. 1903

TERRE HAUTE IND.

UNITED STATES

LOS ANGELES CAL. JUN 4 PM

To Noble Beacon Cal

William H. Clarson

Los Angeles

Redondo Cal.

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Terre Haute, Ind.
June 3, 1903.

Dear Papa,—

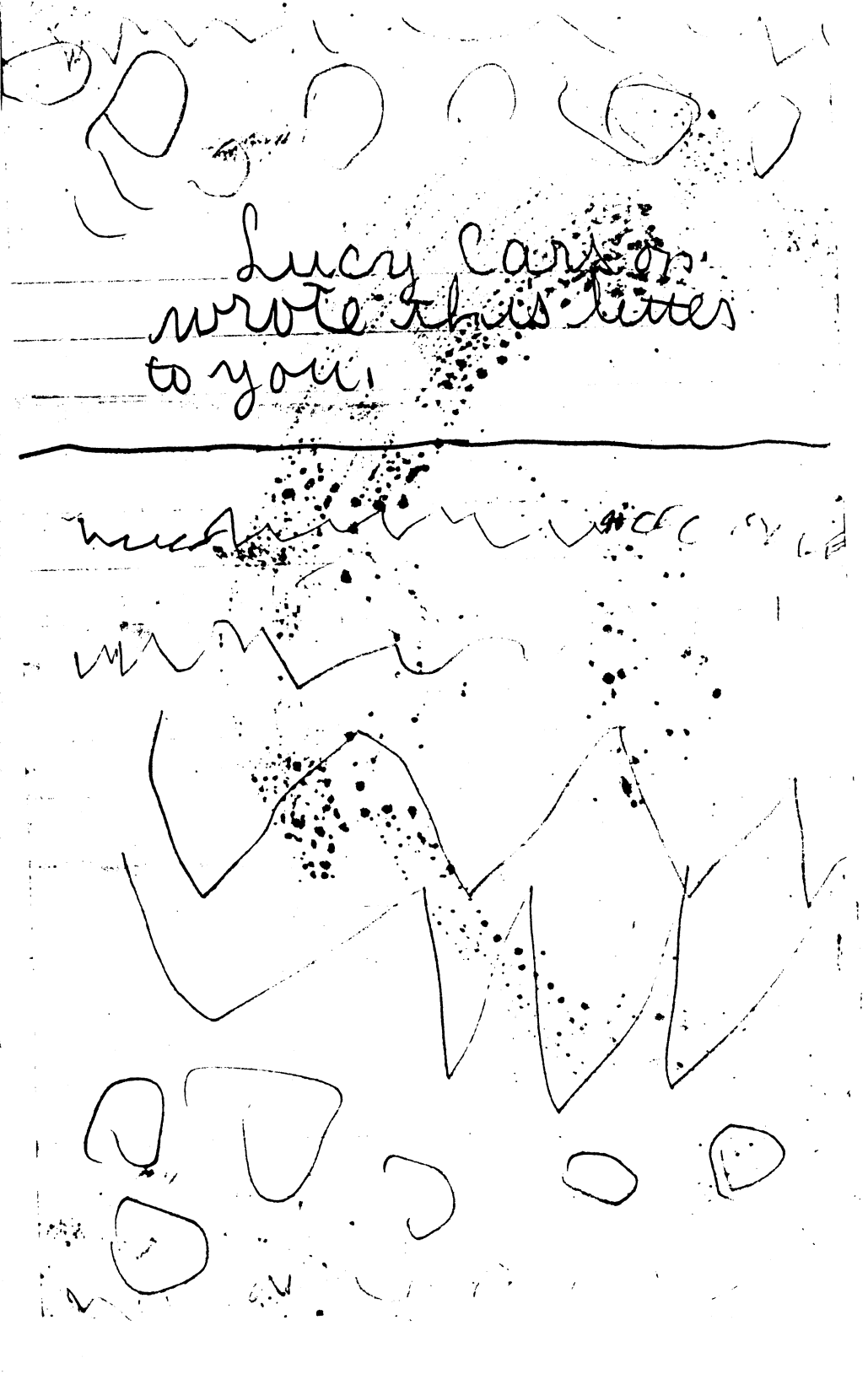
We are all well. all of us children have been playing in the sand pile today. Aunt Abbie and us children went out to the strawberrie patch, Sunday and got over a dipper full of strawberries. Nadine Durham and Lucy Durham was down yesterday after—

noon. I want you to send us some oranges and bonas. Aunt Abbie has bought Lucy a new hat. Lucy wore it down to Grange at decoration. We have got radishes and onions & lettuce and peas big enough to eat. We are washing this morning.

Answer soon.

M. Hermina Carson.

Lucy Carter
wrote these letters
to you.



Terre Haute.
June. 3. 1903.

Dear papa.—
I am well, Are you well? Aunt Abbie varnished the bearuo 2. She varnished 2 sun. ertables and 1 or 2 Fold ingbeds. and chairs Our hens Dont lay very many eggs. we went to Decoration. Saturday and Sunday. we a fine time there.

Edith Carson.

Uncle Daniel milks one cow. We have got a good many dewberries. I think some of my words are not spelled write. Do you like to stay there. We have had rain this week. Uncle Daniel has his corn all planted. I would like to see you. Are there any oranges grow there bring some home when you come. Come home before next year because I want to see you. Have you got our pictures yet

we all wrote yuster
tay. send us one of
yours. we have got
~~Radishes and Onion~~
big enough to eat.
Lucy is well and
fat sassy. Lucy
told me to tell you
that Aunt Abbie has
got all of Answers soon.
~~-by-our kisses~~ Edith Carson.
I the wain x x x x x x
you to come home and
get some kisses.
Edith Carson.
Answer soon.
x x x x x x x x x x kisses
Lucys and mine.

wrote home evening of arrival and requested answer right off, for I didno know whether would stay here long or not. begin to go to P. O. in two wks. and been a regular attendant since. but a regular water haul as to results. when I got here it was my intention to stay till I got letters from home, and then was going up in Washington, but from present results will stay till I die. waiting. I didno know but what they might have changed the rural routes and letters never reached the right place. now for fear I dont hear from them before I do you, I wish you would look them up P. O. fr. and let me know the state of your and their health, especially of the children. now begging to be excused for troubling you as to this, will attach my John Henry and address. be sure and put it

Wm. H. Carson Los Angeles, Cal.

put your name on back of letter.
lots of carsons here

W. H. C.

Los Angeles June 14th /03

To J. W. Black. Esqr.

Joe. Greeting and how are you. I take the opportunity this evening of letting you know a little something of my whereabouts at present, but not of the future, for that is uncertain. at present have been putting in my time in and about Los Angeles, from Pasadena to Santa Monica, Playa Del Rey, San Pedro, Redondo, and long Beach. the last named place where I spent today. and incidentally visiting the Post Office to get answers to letters from back east, but in vain. have dodged around a good deal but have stayed here long enough to

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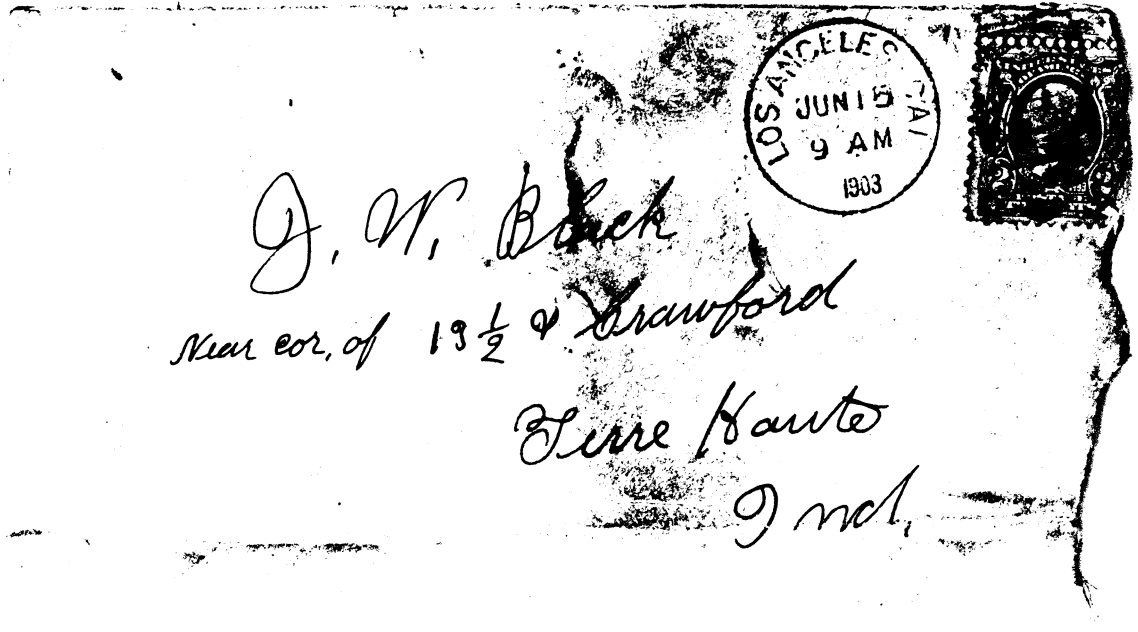
it looks like to have them Ketch up that were following, and to get answers from them that were sent from here. have wrot two letters to Dan, and two to Srs. the last one I send out to day. no answer to any so far. have wrote to Marion a while back, no answer to that. the same with others. now I guess I will have to fire the old correspondents and get others. I cant see what is the matter. I read of Flood, Hell and high water generally, but that couldnt have stopped all the mail, some surely slipped through and found U. C. D. P. now when you get this, set right down and let me know how the folks are down below, find out whats the matter with my communications, how your self and better half are, and all the neighbors, and how is your mother, and all the people over in the Flats and up in Ireland, and what is John doing, and what my children doing. for I havent got a letter from home since about first of April. I was in N. Mexico then, on the S. F. in charge of gang of Greasers. got laid off there, along with balance of the men white and black, all work stopped till danger from high water in river is passed. work will commence in aargum again there when the river goes dry. I went from there to Albuquerque and then to Prescott, A. T. then came here, taking in the Grand Canyon on the way. got here on 8th May and here ever since.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9 AM
1903
J. W. Black
Near cor. of 19½ & Crawford
Terre Haute
Ind.

Los Angeles Cal.
Ines. 26th. 03

Dear. I wrote to Sis two wks ago last Sunday or the eighth and requested an answer right off. but up to this time have not. haven't heard from home for nearly seven weeks. are you all well, are the children fat and sassy, have you run out of writing paper and no money to buy more, no pen, no ink nor stamps? I see in Los Angeles Herald accounts of storms, washouts and tornadoes, has one struck Vigo Co. and blowed you all away, as they say down south. I suppose you are done planting corn by this time. I haven't seen any rain ball since being in southwest or here, but a hard, with one foot rubbing the inside of leg, keep up a conversation and go about yor business as though nothing was happening. Hoping this will find every body all well and that you will write and let me know how things are as soon as you get this. be sure when you write to put put it to Wm H. C. and put your address outside as from terre haute there is cassons all through this country here and in N. mexico some the same initials as mine and they may get they letters. lots of Kit carson's decendents of all colors from Indian to pure white. tell Children to write W. H. C.

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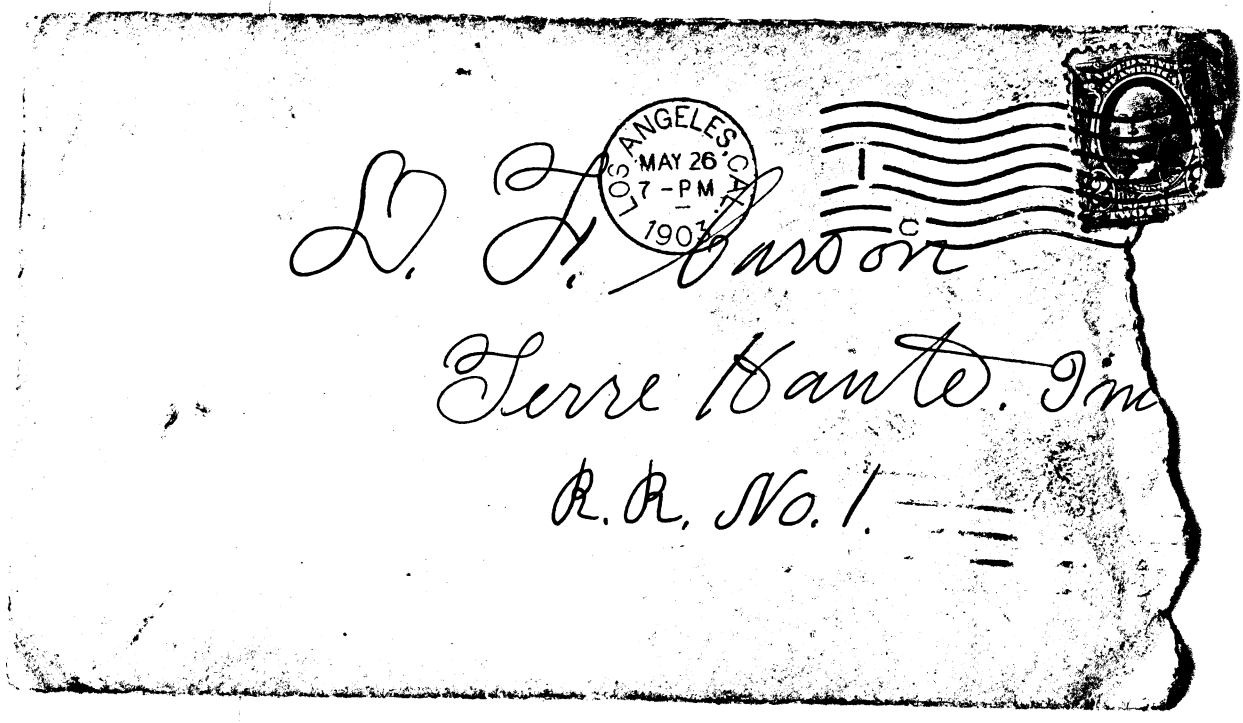
little drizzle that did not amount to anything. went to Pasadena yesterday, stopped on way to see the Ostrich Farm. 1 & 2 of them. the streets of Los Angeles run north east and south west, and north west and south east, with avenues and points and tend to wind a man up. there is east, and west, and old, and new main st. it runs straight north east and south west. one continous street with different names.
have seen Lew Sheets here several times. thats Albert Gallington's step son. he is a clerk in the post office. only person I've run across that I knew since being away. property is pretty high here in L. A. the town is spread out about seven miles each way, and lots of new buildings going up. thought of going down to san pedro again this afternoon and looking over the country. worked all last week in a ware house and feel like running around some and try to get the cardinal points of the compass fixed in my head. had to get up twice in one night awhile back and go after a couple of customers in my shirt that that kept up such a song and dance that I could not sleep. however I met em and they were mine. so expect peace on my back now for a while. it was the second time I've had a round with them. a person is not a native of the country unless he can scratch his back with one hand his shoulder with other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Los Angeles Cal. may 8th 1903

Sis and children well and hearty as usual, and just got here this morning at 8 A.M. quite a change from sage brush, cactus and sand to Oranges, Lemons and all kinds of fruit. I beat Presiden Roosevelt in about four hours. just come from the parade, got a room, and theye are scarce here now on account of Fiesta week, and set out to write a letter of whereabouts and findings everything stopped at Belen a few days after I. wrote the last letter from there from there to Albuquerque, and then to Prescot, Grand Canyo and then here, considerable warmer here than where I have been here its only a few hundred ft. above sea level crossing the Colorado river yesterday evening at 8 P.M at the Needles, struck the hottest weather yet, car windows and doors all op. coats off and sweating still have my underclothes on wheat and Barley all headed out oranges and lemons hanging on trees, first crop of alfalfa cut and put up. everything looks nice and gre

this is wrote on paper that I started to write on at the Canyon but didnt tell the children I seen a lot of Chinese children all dressed up in white with fine silk bands and flags, in a wagon covered with flowers seen more flower today than I have seen in a long time. am going uptown tonight to see the electrical parade hope you received the picture postal all right and what do the children think of them there must have been a two bushel sack of the cards sent out by all the people. when I left ashfork I really started for washington but this seems nice here after being out with the deseart among the cactus and sand. and want to stay here long enough for the mail to catch up and an answer from this as to how you all are so when you get this, answer immediately so the envelope wont wear out chasing me up. I have alot of dirty clothes and will get them washed up. my bed I carry along with me, so if I take to the woods again I will have it one pair of Blankets, one comfort and a canvas to go underneath, and over. just eighteen miles to the ocean here, and the Salt water has a drawing smell I am going down tomorrow or sunday.

W. A. S.

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Blue Canyon Cal.
Sept 3/05

D.S. got that letter you sent to Frisco to me, yesterday and thought I would read myself on the ground, with a box in my lap for a writing stand, and by the light of the campfire pen a few lines to you and the children. is that sore on Lewis's jaw from the bone, or from the flesh. what caused it. is it of a scrofulous nature. Dr. Bell of F.F. would be the best Dr. to go after any thing like that. what is the matter with all the young people with you get married one day, and there is a few grizzlies and mountain lion and some deer left around here but so far I have caught sight of none. we move camp in a few days only stay about two weeks in a place, this job here only last about a month or two longer and then I dont know what or where, the fire is going out I can hardly see

W. H. H.

Blue Canyon
Cal,
in care of
D. D. Griffith

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and after a divorce the next. now that bill of Moore and Langdon of $1.75 was paid the day I ordered the bills, and didnt get the bills till a few days after. I dont remember whether he gave me a receipt or not if he did its in with the other receipts wherever they are. I think in the trunk. Dutch Black was with me and seen the job done. it was a young fellow I dealt with. dont pay it again. just ignore the bill and if sends another dun, tell him the circumstances, and if he still wants to collect it, let him sue and be damned I suppose you have read of the men who broke out of penitentiary here in Cal. at Folsom. killed several guards and took to the mts. some of them are right around in this section now and we look for a visit most any time. this is a wild country through here. we are east of truckee about 30 or 40 miles. the american river, where pa use to mine is somewhere southe of us a few miles. 14 men in camp and two china cooks. and survey from 500 to 2000 ft a day. at an elevation of 4650 ft here. and this is the hottest weather I have struck yet no coats on here a little cooler of an evening and sleep fine of night

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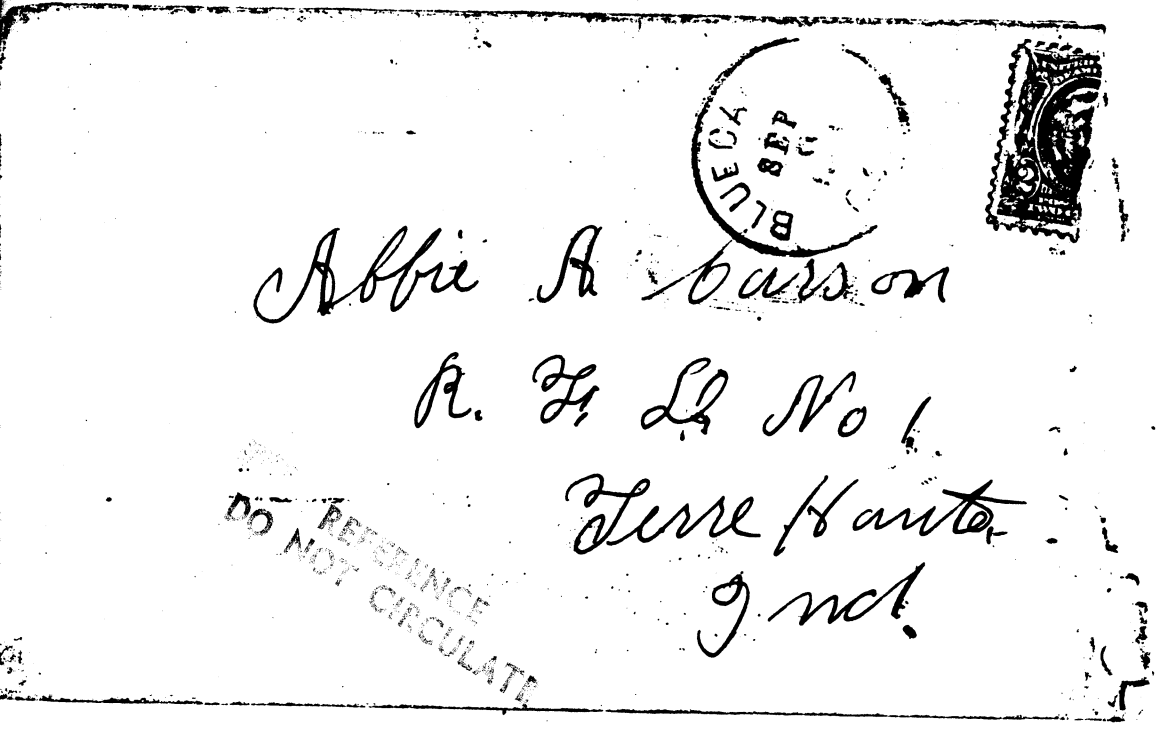
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Abbie A Carson
R. F. D. No 1
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now some of your letters you speak about I guess I never got.
I have answered your questions that I have seen. I haven't had any rheumatism since being at work on the breakwater. it is a wonder though because I have been wet to the hide time and again, in a raw wind, and went to bed in wet clothes, got up, and put on a wet pair of pants, and a hat that had been wet so much, when it got dry it was white and as stiff as a starched shirt. I am sending the Deed and Abstract to the lot I bought in San Pedro. leaving here I don't want them with me. and as I don't know where I am going to stop, don't write any more till you hear from me. and the children will find some pictures cards on the way they were asking about some.

W. H. G.

Los Angeles
Sunday Aug. 2nd.

Sis, Dan, and children.
Received your letters July 19. and 21st. and was going to ~~leave~~ San Pedro but didn't know where I would land at. so thought would wait till I got some place so I could tell you where to direct to. I took a pretty bad cold at work one day it settled in my head, and makes my right eye hurt pretty bad. the one that always pains when I take on an extra cold. and then coupled with a bruised finger that will cause the nail to come off, and then a rock barely missed mashing my foot, and then I come

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very near going overboard two or three times, that would have been alright if I fell in the water. but on the rocks it would have meant the hospital. one fellow had a nasty fall at low tide, fell from the cap over the piling onto a big rock that had a sloping side, and it didnt do much damage (to him) but the weather there is fine no hot days or nights. worked everyday in a woolen shirt and an undershirt and at night wore coat. and quite chilly once in a while I got the picture alright but it was broken in the center. Cracked from to much flaver I suppose. now I dont know when Oranges get ripe. I dont think till fall though. I notice the English Walnuts are about twothirds grown. in shooting through the country on the street car I dont see any oranges on the trees. there is not many fruit farms between S. P. and L A. they are back east and north east. it frosts around L. A. and that knocks the crop.
all big hotels and buildings, factories, railroads and nearly all the ships that come in here burn Oil. one in a while a big boat goes by with coal smoke pouring out her funnels that came down from Seattle there is a little coal used but I see no wood at all outside old boxes or boards or R.R. ties.

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R. F. D. No. 1.

Goode Springs
Nev. 4-8-04

Dear Sir's, and Sises.
This finds me feeling very well, after enjoying a hearty supper cooked by ourselves on the ground. Bacon and eggs, fried potatoes, hot ~~&~~ coffee cheese and cake. Came here after water, takes two days camp over twenty miles away been hotter'n hell and three times as ~~dusty~~, a few cottonwood trees growing around the spring here. first trees I have seen since leaving L. A. have got to be quite a Desert Rat. am setting here on the ground, or on my

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bed rather, ground as dry as a chip. hasn't been wet since the flood.

camped here on the stage road running from Ivanpah to Sandy through Goode Spring ~~only three or four houses in~~ Goode Springs. old stamp mill here. dont run any more.

I see by the paper you have been having some high water in the wabash.

the next move we make is within twenty miles or so of Las Vegas. there is about 35 miles to relocate here. the old located line does not suit the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake R.R. Officials (S.P. L.A. & S.L.) so that is what this party is doing here, changing a little of it.

the Grading camps are close behind us, and just beyond Las Vegas a head of us. count on completing the road for travel this year. pay ten cents a barrel for water here. Later. 9 P.M. well I waited for the mail to come up on the stage to see if there wasn't a letter for me but none came. hoping this will find everbody all well. better direct your next to

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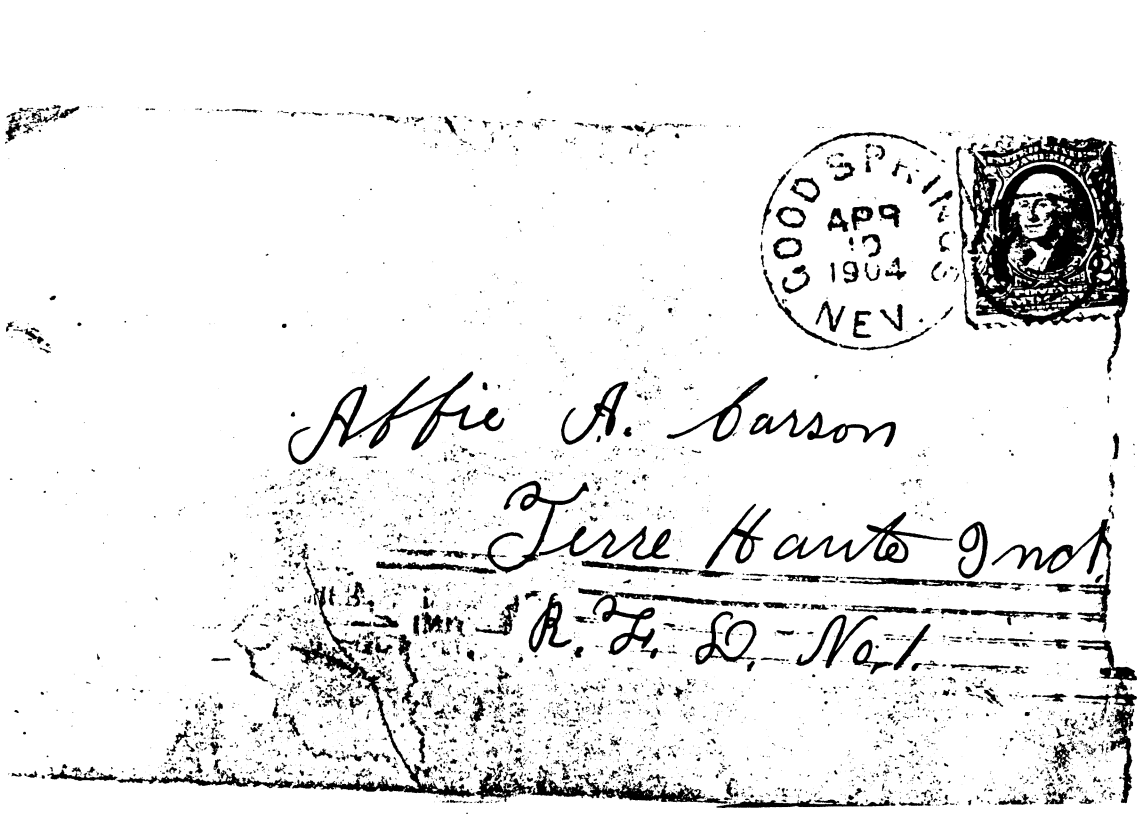
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Terre Haute Ind.
R. F. D. No. 1.

Frisco Cal. July 14. 64

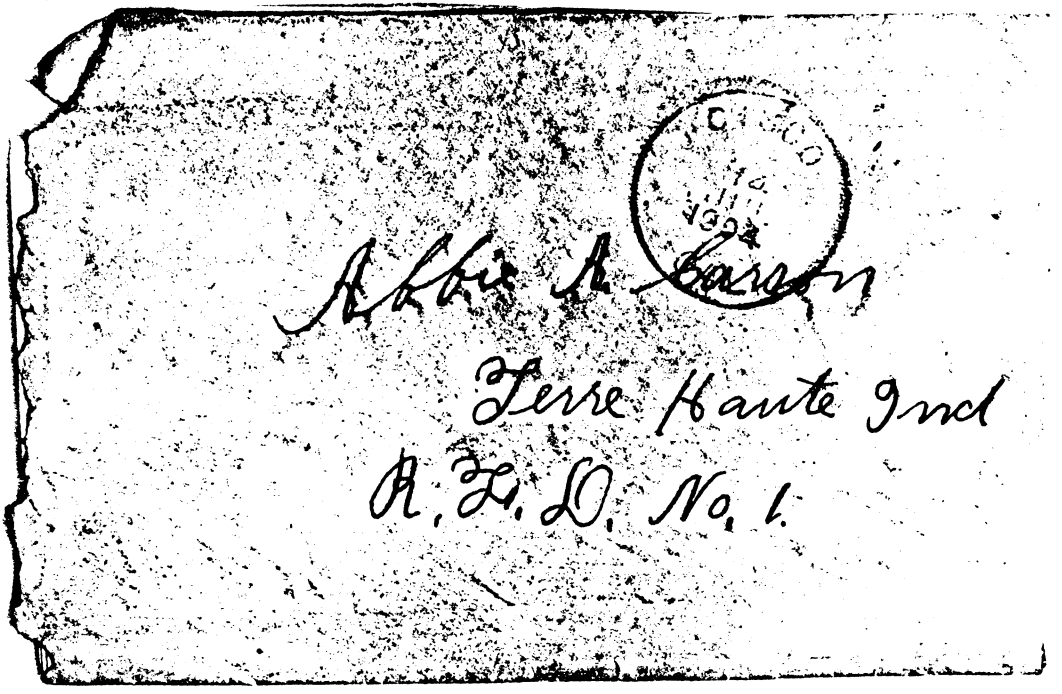
Well Sis I got your letter of the 6th, this morning, and thought the best thing I could do would be to sit down and answer right away. not doing any thing today and plenty of time. Frisco is on the main line of the C. P. from Frisco to Ogden, and 182 miles from Frisco. about 6000 ft elevation. thermometer between 60 and 70 days and 40 and less of nights plenty of snow in sight on the high places. finest water in the land to

to drink, and a Jap cook and Chinese waiter as masters of the kitchen and table. Sisco is 26 miles by R.R. to Truckee. about 18 by wagon. we were camped 6 miles from this place last Oct. and Nov. Sisco is quite a summer resort for people lower down. some hunting and plenty of fishing along the Yuba. what are those dam blacks doing. as C. Joab used to say. Don wrote a letter to me last winter, I answered it sometime later and never heard anything more of him what is Lyman doing now. how did Don like the St Louis fair. is it worth going very far to see. I suppose the the children raised the measles as you did not say anything

about it in your 6th of July letter it is better for them to get them and be over with it young than old. I suppose they are growing like weeds as usual this summer. Hermina ought to soon be able to make all her own clothes. Ditto Edith. and I suppose Lewis and Lucy can tear them as fast as put to-gether. How is the prospect for crops this year. I read of rain, floods, and high water in other places, but I have not seen but one good rain since I left and have not heard it thunder but 2 or 3 times. well I will quit this in time to get my name on this side.

W. H. H. Lisco, Placer Co. Cal.

care D. D. Griffith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Long Beach June 14/09

Dan, I can get no answer from any letters that I write. and have wrote several, about 5. I think to you and sis since being in L.A. have wrote to other parties with the same results. so I take the trouble to send another after the rest, after waiting 17 days for one answer from the last. came down to long Beach to spend sunday, smell salt air, and watch the people in bathing, and write this as I set in the bathing Pavilion. Hoping the children are all well, and the rest of you the same. and that you will let me know how things are going I will

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will wait patiently for an
answer and news since
about the 6th of april. the
last letter I got was 10th Apri

Wm. H. C.
~~L. A.~~ Los. Angeles,
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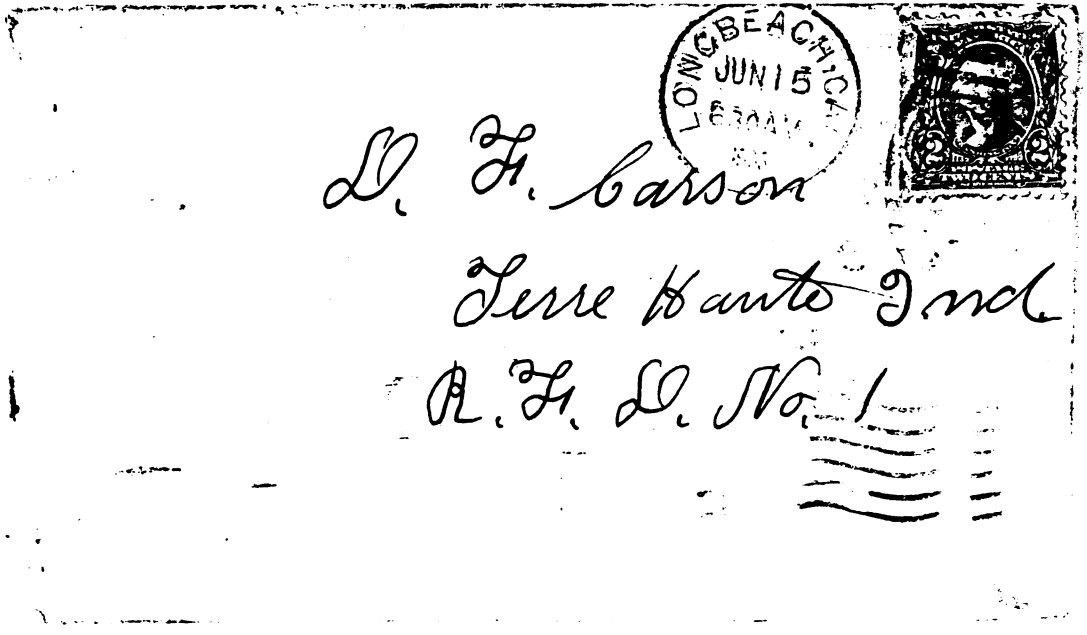
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Terre Haute Ind.
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San Pedro Cal.
July 1/03

Sis. the timekeeper brought me out a batch of letters to day noon, all wrote the same day, June 22. they got here all right and all the trouble with them was, they were all nearly alike. and per request I answer the whole batch the same evening, but before you get this, you will get one I wrote from here last fryday evening. was glad to hear from the children, and how big is that sore on Lewis jaw and does it seem to pain him much.

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you spoke of cassaday being over, did he pay off that note and has church paid off his note yet. and if not I wish you would tell Dan to inquire into the state of his financial ability. he has been loseing money on cattle the last few seasons, and if the last one turned out bad, his security would have to be looked after. ~~but will shall~~ come down to see you. and how long did he stay. I dont think you will have any trouble in getting letter through the line from here any more. so just send ahead to the same. tell Joe I cant send oranges this time of year that far they would rot long before they got there. this is wrote in haste

W H Carson

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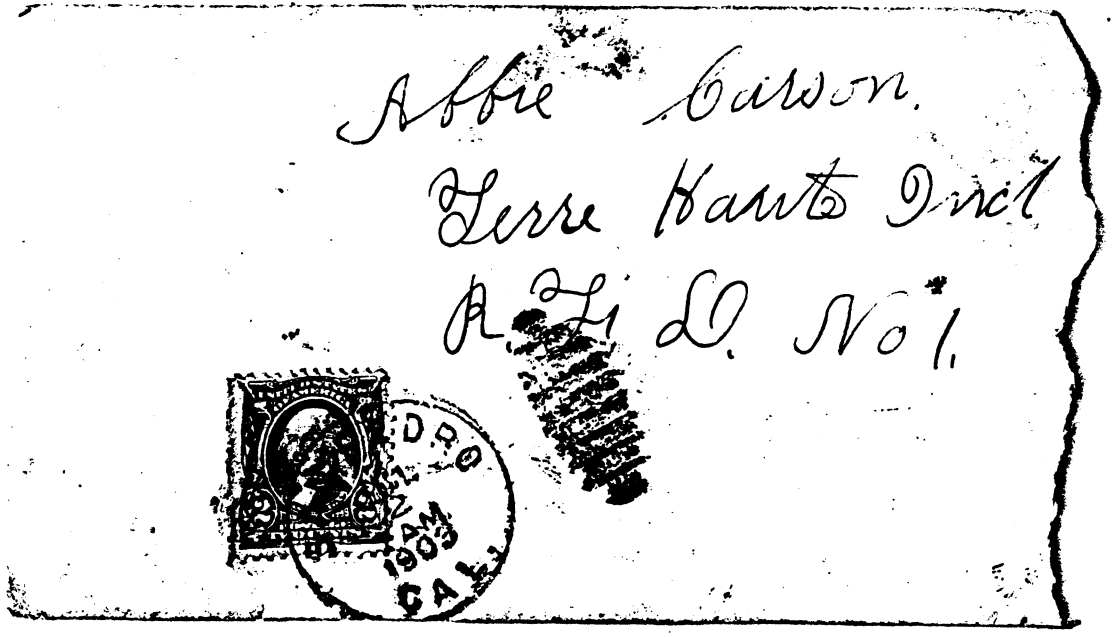

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I got your letter a couple of days ago, and I read in the papers that you got a blizzard good and cold on christmas day. since the first few days we come here it has been fine weather away yonder better than in august clear every day and about 60.° was out at Cliff house on christmas day. eat breakfast at 9.30 and dinner at 6.30 that is my eating time here you ask about board in survey party. that is furnished by the S. P. two China cooks or a cook and waiter, a mess and a dining tent. and we live better out in camp than in town. that is if the cooks are any accoun what would you think if you see a range as large as the one you have, but maybe not as heavy being a wood burner, strapped on the back of a pack mule about the size of a yearling colt. a kind of an odd sight, seen for the first time. fifteen or twenty little mules with stove and kitch

boards about 8 ft. long on one mule for the din
table, joining them together making a 16 ft. table
went down to San Mateo, the day after christm
about twenty miles south on the electric road.
this time of the year from now to next jun
is the time to see Cal. it commences to rain in
Nov. and Dec. and starts the grass and it covers
the hills and mts. around and changes the colo
of everything from brown to green. grass is
about two in. high. wheat is mostly up in
sacremento valley. but further south the rain
did not come so quick and they are not throug
plowing yet. now I don't know where we
go when we start again. there is three parties in
here of Griffith's, and if he sends out only one somebo
will get left. there is rumors of going to Los Ange
county. but I doubt it. old Harriman, Krutchnic an
party were up in Oregon a week or so ago, and
it may be they were plotting trouble up there for
some other road. give the ring to Kermina if it
fits her good and tight so it wont slip off. I
wouldn't want it lost. tell her not to take it off
when at school or she might lose it.

W. H. B. San Francisco — Cal.
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Hope the handkerchiefs got there
in time for christmas.

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Sanfrancisco Cal.
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Sis and children.

thought I would write a few words this evening. took a trip down through the wholesale district yesterday, and around to Wells Fargo Express. it takes over three times the first cost of fruit to ship by express I give it up. then went over in Chinatown, and got a few Kerchiefs of Sing Fat & Co. that cost more than a box of fruit, but took only 8¢ to mail it through. Wing Sing Loong & Co, Wing Chong Jung & Co. have large stores in China town, and some of them are millionaires. You can get anything most there, Terre Haute in fruit and nuts nearly as cheap as here, and no

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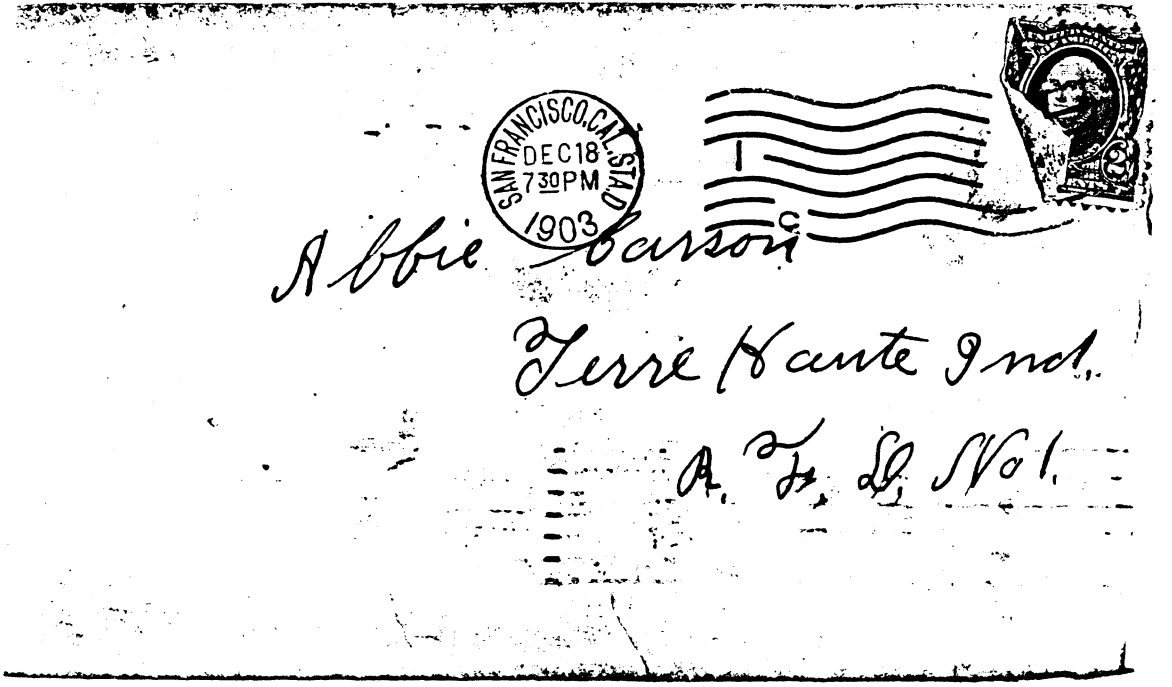
express charges. miserable weather here since we came down. yesterday was a clear day and the sun was out in full force. today it rains again San francisco is full of men from the sawmills in the mountains wher it snows deep, and fisheries, whalers and salmon, come in to winter, and then go out in the spring. the different trades here are all organized and very strong. the dagoes are all fruit peddlers, or vice versa, and every thing is out of all reason, where it ought to sell reasonable.

the Chinese are in a tong war again, and every night or so some of them gets killed or badly wounded. they are not any worse though than the Italians there is lots of them here, and the Mafia is at war among them.

Christmas Gifts to all.

W. H. Carson
S. H. Cal.
Winchester 76.

You must not blow your noses to hard in them Kerchiefs Dan's is a combi muffles and handkerchief.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